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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Joseph Evans.

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Date of Interview: 06 December 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-9.

Identification of prior art discussed: US Patent No. 6295842.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: A telephonic interview was initiated by the examiner in reference to a lack of unity restriction requirement between the process of claims 1-4, the article of claims 5-6 and the apparatus of claims 7-9. The applicants' representative chose the process of claims 1-4 with traverse and therefore, claims 5-9 are withdrawn from consideration.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Lauren E.T. Robinson/
Examiner, Art Unit 4174

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